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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Legislative Counsel

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Briefing for Senator Proxmire

1. Attached is a letter from Senator Proxmire with regard to a briefing he wants on 27 May. I am very interested in this one and enthusiastic about giving it. I'd like to prepare for it early so that I know the background well.

2. In addition, I would like to see if we can't provide the Senator an unclassified document analyzing the economies of the Soviet Union and/or the People's Republic of China. The briefing would, of course, cover classified information also, but I would like to produce such an unclassified document and we might as well offer it up at this hearing.

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April 22, 1977

The Honorable Stansfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

This is to request your appearance before the subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in government to testify on the subject "Allocation of Resources in the Soviet Union and China". You are scheduled to testify on May 27, at 10:00 a. m. The room number will be provided shortly.

As in the previous hearings on this topic with your predecessors the testimony will be received in executive session to facilitate a free exchange of views. I hope the process of declassifying the record can then proceed as quickly as possible so that it can be released to the public at an early date.

Our purpose is to discuss the CIA's analyses of the Soviet and Chinese economies, including both their defense and civilian sectors, and not to get into operational matters.

The subcommittee is particularly interested in the following areas:

1. An analysis of the U.S.S.R. and Peoples Republic of China economies including allocation of resources by sector, trends and long-range projections, performance in 1976 and prospects for fulfilling the goals in the current 5-year plans. I would also like an overall assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet economy which I understand has been the subject of a comprehensive review.
2. Analysis of the allocations to military and space functions in the U.S., U.S.S.R. and P.R.C. including the consensus of the Intelligence Community as to the defense budget of the U.S.S.R. and P.R.C. I am especially interested in the dollar-cost and the ruble cost estimates of the U.S.S.R. defense spending and estimates of the cost in rubles of the U.S. defense spending. Also, I would like you to supply in unclassified form the numerical tables that support or coincide with the charts concerning dollar-cost estimates of U.S.S.R. spending that have been supplied in previous years.

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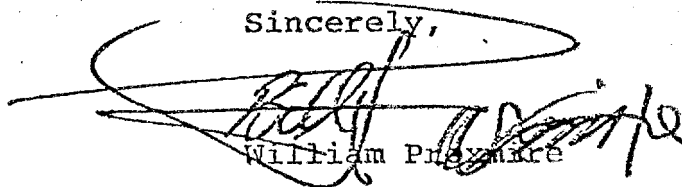
3. A discussion of quality control, valve engineering, efforts to improve designs and efficiency problems and technological lags or leads in the U.S.S.R. defense production including new light shed on these matters through analyses Soviet equipment acquired since 1972 and other intelligence sources.

4. A discussion of civil defense in the U.S.S.R. including estimated costs, nature and extent of activities, number of cities and industrial facilities involved, number of persons that could be accommodated, and change of emphasis, if any, in the past few years.

In the presentation I would like you to indicate the areas of uncertainty, ranges of error, strengths and weaknesses of the U.S.S.R. and P.R.C. military spending estimates.

I am grateful for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



William Proxmire

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